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SUBJECT: EMBASSY ATTACHE AIRCRAFT: ORIGINAL AFGHAN GOVERNMENT
AGREEMENT.

REF: KABUL 5272 (NOTAL)

1. FURTHER SEARCH IN OUR FILES HAS UNCOVERED AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE NO. 7505, DATED AQRAB 25, 1345 (ABOUT NOVEMBER 1966), WHICH APPEARS TO GRANT PERMISSION TO STATIONING A U.S. EMBASSY ATTACHE AIRCRAFT IN KABUL.

2. THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

"PRESENTING COMPLIMENTS, ROYAL AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY GIVES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE FLIGHTS OF U.S. EMBASSY'S DEFENSE ATTACHE PLANE:

"AS THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN HAD PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED THE SUBJECT OF EMBASSY'S DEFENSE ATTACHE PLANE FLIGHTS TO THE EMBASSY'S AIR ATTACHE, THE ABOVE MENTIONED FLIGHTS ARE ACCEPTED ONLY FOR CONNECTION WITH OUTSIDE OF AFGHANISTAN WITHIN THE SPECIFIC CORRIDORS, AND IN AFGHANISTAN JUST FOR THE TRAVELING OF U.S. AMBASSADOR. IN ADDITION TO THAT, IF PLANE IS NOT NEEDED TO FLY OUTSIDE OF
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AFGHANISTAN, EXERCISE FLIGHTS BETWEEN KABUL AND KANDAHAR ARE ALLOWED TWICE OR THREE TIMES A MONTH WITHIN THE SPECIFIC CORRIDORS.

"ACCORDING TO THE AFORESAID EXPLANATION, THIS MINISTRY EXPECTS THE ESTEEMED EMBASSY TO LIMIT THEIR DA FLIGHTS IN FUTURE TO THE AFORESAID THREE DECISIONS."

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: OUR GUESS IS THAT THE ABOVE 1966 DEPLOMATIC NOTE IS THE ONLY WRITTEN AGREEMENT ON THE USE OF THE ATTACHE AIRCRAFT ISSUED BY ANY AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. IF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD SEARCH CONFRIMS THIS, WE WOULD PROPOSE GOING BACK TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAYING THAT OUR FILES INDICATE THAT THE NOVEMBER 1966 NOTE IS THE BASIC AGREEMENT, AMENDED SUBSEQUENTLY BY THE "AGREED GUIDELINES" NOTE DATE OCTOBER 19, 1976 (COPY OF WHICH WE LEFT WITH DEPFONMIN DOST ON JUNE 28).

4. WERE THE DEPARTMENT'S FILES TO HAVE A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DARI (PERSIAN) VERSION OF THE 1966 AFGHAN NOTE, THIS SHOULD BE POUCHED TO US SO THAT WE CAN SHOW IT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

5. SINCE OUR AIR ATTACHES LANDING CURRENCY FOR THE BEEHCRAFT C-12 EXPIRES JULY 10, THEY ARE NOW MAKING CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS WITH EMBASSY ISLAMABAD TO REVADIDATE THESE, IF NECESSARY, IN ISLAMABAD NEXT WEEK.
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